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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA AND SMITH, STEVE, AND HUNTER, CARRIE)

SUBJECT: THREE KIDNAPPED AMCITS

FOLLOWING IS CLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF FIRST DAY OBSERVATIONS OF  
KIDNAP SITUATION FROM LUCIUS AND MACFARLANE IN KIGOMA WHICH  
THEY FORWARDED BY SAFEHAND FROM KIGOMA TO BUJUMBURA FOR RELAY:

QUOTE

1. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED FROM KIGOMA, THERE IS AT THIS  
POINT NO RPT NO OPERATION COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TANZANIAN AND  
ZAIRE GOVERNMENTS RE CAPTURE OF STUDENTS. LOCAL TANGOV OFFICIALS/  
KIGOMA STATE THAT THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED TO DAR THAT ZAIRE AND  
BURUNDI GOVERNMENTS BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST AND COORDINATE IN  
EFFORTS BUT TO DATE (1300Z, 22 MAY) NO INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPLEMENT  
THIS REQUEST HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING. (EMBASSY BUJUMBURA NOTES  
THAT LUCIUS AND MACFARLANE COULD NOT RPT NOT KNOW OF APPROACHES  
MADE MAY 22 TO GOZ AND GRB.)

2. ZAIRE CONSULATE GENERAL IN KIGOMA PROMISES TO BE OF LITTLE

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OR NO ASSISTANCE IN COORDINATION EFFORT. IN ANY WAY. MAN IN

CHARGE, ATTACHE, APPEARS INDECISIVE AND INTIMIDATED BY TANZANIAN ENVIRONMENT. HE HAS INFORMED AMCONSUL ZANZIBAR THAT HE CANNOT MEET EVEN INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS SITUATION EXCEPT IN PRESENCE OF ONE OF TOP 3 GOT OFFICIALS.

3. IT IS VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS EVERYONE WE HAVE TALKED TO HERE, BOTH TANZANIAN AND AMERICAN, THAT KIDNAPPERS WERE ORGANIZED GROUP OF TRIBESMEN, PROBABLY WABEMBE, FROM LONG-UNPACIFIED STRETCH BETWEEN UVIRA AND NORTHERN SHABA. CONSENSUS AMONG INFORMED EXPATRIATES IS THAT GROUP CAME FROM WEST SHORE OF LAKE, CARRIED OUT SPECIFIC MISSION TARGETTED AGAINST FOREIGN STUDENTS AT GOMBE FOR AS-YET-UNDISCLOSED REASONS, AND RETURNED WITH THEM TO WILDS OF ZAIRE SIDE. TANZANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT COME OUT AND SAID SO BUT THEY SEEM FROM ALL INDICATIONS TO SEE THINGS THE SAME WAY. THUS FAR SEARCH EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING ON THIS SIDE OF LAKE AT REASONABLE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY GIVEN PAUCITY OF LOCAL RESOURCES, BUT GOT OFFICIALS SEEM TO FEEL THAT THERE IS LITTLE THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN WHICH PROMISES TO SECURE RELEASE OF STUDENTS. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DATE, WE ARE INCLINED TO CONCUR.

4. GENERAL IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT NOTHING IN WAY OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION IS TAKING PLACE ON WEST SIDE OF LAKE. AFTERNOON MAY 21 POLICE HELICOPTER TRAVELED DOWN WEST SIDE OF LAKE (BUT NOT OVER ZAIRE TERRITORY) AND AUTHORITIES ASSUME THAT, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT SHOT AT, ZAIRIANS WERE ALERTED TO FACT TANGOV IS CONDUCTING SEARCH OPERATION. NO EVIDENCE THAT ZAIRIAN PATROL BOATS HAVE CONDUCTED ANY SEARCH SWEEPS. ONLY BOAT REALLY OUT ON LAKE WAS FAO VESSEL ON MAY 20 (FROM 0800Z TO 1200Z) WHICH DID NOT SIGHT ANY VESSELS WHICH COULD HAVE CARRIED OUT KIDNAPPING OPERATION. UNQUOTE. MARK

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